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MAN VERSUS FISH: THE ULTIMATE CONFLICT

Thou might consider fishing to be an activity designed simply to feed thy family. Daily thou takest thy fishing pole and trod to the lake in hopes of catching thy dinner. However, say I, fishing is much more!

A fisherman is much like a knight, off to conquer the terrible dragon. Certainly, the terrain is familiar, just as the knight's homeland is to him, but the contest is where the real comparison lies. While a knight carries with him a great and powerful sword, and fisherman must arm himself with a sturdy pole. Of course, another important weapon for the fisherman is his mind. He will need a keen sense of observation to aid him in his struggle against the slippery opponents.

The first thing he must do is search for a body of water where the fish are so common that they are forced to jump above the water simply to have room for the others. A lake or pond filled with fish will provide the wise fisherman a better opportunity for an encounter. And how does a fisherman catch his prey. Not by sitting idly

by and waiting for them
to jump into his pail! For
once the creature grabs
hold of the bait, the
fisherman must fight and
thrash his way, as if
attacking the very beast,
itself. Minutes seem to
turn to hours as the
warrior battles with his
fish, until finally, all
energy spent from both
sides, the fish is dragged
unwillingly into the waiting
bucket. And then, the
process must begin anew...